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REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated June 16, 2004. For the following reasons, this application should be considered in condition for allowance and the case passed to issue.

Claims 1-4 and 6-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Claypole et al. in view of DeMar et al. This rejection has been obviated by the cancellation of the claims (claim 5 having been canceled earlier).

Claim 17-23 were indicated as allowable when corrections to the rejected claims 17 and 19 are made. Accordingly, claims 17 and 19 have been amended in conformance with the Examiner's suggestions. It is respectfully requested that claims 17-23 are now in condition for allowance.

Claims 24-28 were indicated as allowed over the prior art of record.

Hence, only claims 17-28, all indicated as allowable, remain in the application. Since no further issues remain in the application, this application should be considered in condition for allowance and the case passed to issue. If there are any questions regarding this Amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated to expedite the prosecution of the Application.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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